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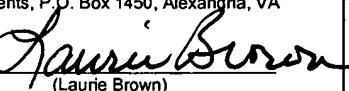
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FOR TRANSFERRING LIQUID EJECTION  
DATA AND A LIQUID EJECTING  
APPARATUS

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Applicants have become aware of U.S. Patent No. 5,774,638 (Reference AA), cited in an European Office Action issued September 19, 2006, during the prosecution of a European patent application which corresponds to the above referenced application. Applicants have become aware of Chinese Publication No. 2655534Y (Reference BA), cited in a Chinese Office Action issued September 8, 2006, during the prosecution of a Chinese patent application which corresponds to the above-referenced application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), Applicants hereby submits these documents for the Examiner's consideration. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0255060 A1 (Reference AB) is the U.S. counterpart of Chinese Publication No. 2655534Y (Reference BA), and is cited to provide an English-language version of that reference.

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